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Water District 130
Jerome High School Auditorium
February 11, 2003

Tim Luke, Idaho Department of Water Resources, called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. Tim substituted for Chairman Mike Faulkner because Mr. Faulkner was out of town on business. The first order of business was to elect a Chairman for the Water District. Dan Temple was nominated as Chairman for Water District 130. Orlo Maughan seconded the nomination. No other nominations were received. It was moved that Dan Temple be elected as WD 130 chairman. Passed on a voice vote.

Dan Temple nominated Lynn Tominaga as Secretary for WD 130. No other nominations were received. It was moved that Lynn Tominaga be the secretary for WD 130. Passed on a voice vote.

Lynn Tominaga read the minutes from the April 19, 2002 WD 130 meeting held at Jerome High School auditorium. (See attached minutes) It was moved and seconded to accept the WD 130 minutes as read. Passed on a voice vote.

Dan Temple talked about the steering committee and the work they have done this past year. He asked them to introduce themselves and thanked them for their hard work and recommendations brought forth to the WD 130 meeting. Dan introduced Cindy Yenter, current WD 130 Watermaster.

Cindy Yenter, WD 130 Watermaster, gave a report of her activities during her first year. She outlined inspections for compliance with water rights and noted that 5 notices of violation were sent out this year. All had been resolved except two. She talked about the inspections of ground water users to verify 8% reductions as stipulated in the negotiated agreements. Overall, reductions took place in both ground water districts, but the records and information are still being evaluated.

Jeff Martin, hydrographer for the North Snake Ground Water District (NSGWD), talked about the mitigation plans and the work and effort expended from his office. He enlightened the group regarding projects underway to improve surface water delivery infrastructure within the district. NSGWD board has undertaken efforts to help convert ground water irrigation to surface water irrigation with the help of the North Side Canal Company (NSCC). NSGWD board has elected to improve delivery infrastructure instead of relying on user reductions or mitigation water purchases this coming year to satisfy the stipulated agreement. NSGWD was in the process of having the signatories sign an agreement amendment for the coming year.

Dean Stevenson, Magic Valley Ground Water District (MVGWD), discussed their efforts in obtaining mitigation water and the 8% reduction plans for MVGWD. The power data from Idaho Power showed a 14.2% decrease in electrical usage in the district which more than met the 8% reduction plan for the district. He went on to discuss the agreement with Mitigation Inc.

which guarantees the purchase of up to 20,000 ac/ft. of mitigation water for the coming year to be used by NSCC or NSGWD.

Dan Temple, A & B Irrigation District (A&BID), talked about the efficiency improvements being made in the delivery systems of the irrigation district. This past year A&B ID used 3 ac/ft. per acre as a district and had an operation loss of 4% for the system. This information represents an all time low for the district. However, the operating expenses for the district continued to increase.

Tim Luke and Cindy Yenter started a discussion of the resolutions and recommendations from the WD 130 steering committee. Cindy explained the majority of the resolutions were similar from the previous year with some changes made. The major changes to the resolutions were the recommendations from the steering committee regarding the make up of the advisory committee, and an added section which outlined the statutory requirements of water district assessments.

The advisory committee suggested make up was as follows:

One member from A & B Irrigation District

One member from NSGWD

One member from MVGWD

One member from basin 37 or 45 not from a GWD

Two members from commercial, municipal or industrial users (C/M/I)

Four members from surface or spring users

Many questions were asked about the make-up of the advisory committee and the recommendations from the steering committee. There was a suggestion about sending out the resolutions prior to the annual meeting but Cindy commented on the expense of sending out over 1000 notices and the resolutions. Cindy suggested that she could mail the resolutions to those who requested a copy. She thought maybe the resolutions could be posted on a website for people to review and be made available. She then discussed the changes made by the steering committee that morning before the annual meeting. There was concern expressed by members that the changes made by the advisory committee could not be reviewed before the annual meeting and the copies from the website could be dramatically different from those before the members.

James Annest moved and it was seconded that a copy of the WD 130 resolutions be posted on the IDWR website 30 days before the annual meeting to allow members the opportunity to review the resolutions and make suggested changes to said resolution at the annual meeting. Passed on voice vote. Adrian Boer moved and it was seconded that any proposed changes to the resolutions made prior to the annual meeting will be highlighted but this shall not preclude any member from proposing any new resolution or changes to the resolutions at the annual meeting. Passed on a voice vote. The above changes were added as a single resolution.

Jeff Martin NSGWD wanted to add a resolution to support efforts in the state legislature to redefine the "Local Public Interest". He had drafted a letter and petition to encourage efforts to

limit IDWR's authority on local public interest determinations to water based issues when issuing a license or permit. Adrian Boer moved and it was seconded that a letter be sent on behalf of the WD 130 to the state legislature in support of redefining the "local public interest". Passed on a voice vote. A resolution was added and a copy of the letter attached.

Dan called for a 20 minute recess to allow the different caucuses to select their members for the advisory committee. Dan reconvened the annual meeting 30 minutes later. The members selected to serve on the advisory committee are as follows:

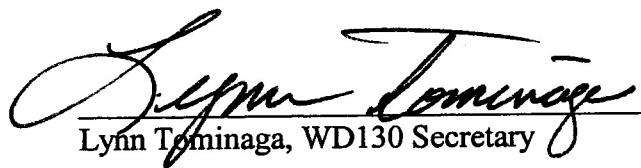
A&BID	Dan Temple (Harold Mohlman, alternate)
NSGWD	Lynn Carlquist (Adrian Boer, alternate)
MVGWD	Dean Stevenson (Orlo Maughan, alternate)
Basin 37	Gary Bowman (temporary)
C/M/I	Rex Minchey and Phyllis Beard (Arie Roeloff, alternate)
SW	Jon Bowling, Larry Cope, Dwayne Knigge and Gary Lemmon (Mike Greene and PJ Green, alternates)

It was moved and seconded that the resolutions be accepted as modified during the meeting. The motion passed on a voice vote. The adopted resolutions confirmed that Cindy Yenter, representing IDWR, shall serve as Watermaster for the ensuing year.

The Water District will again not make an assessment for watermaster services for 2003, as that expense is being carried by IDWR. Measurement and reporting charges for 2003 will continue to be collected by the ground water districts or the West Water Measurement District, for those users not in a ground water district. In 2004, the Water District will be responsible for the payment of the watermaster charge. The steering committee had considered a nominal assessment for 2003 to build funds toward 2004, but did not make the required 30-day deadline for submittal of a budget proposal. Because ground water districts will require 2004 budget information as early as June 1, 2003, the advisory committee will begin working with the Watermaster in the next month to begin working on the 2004 budget proposal.

There was no further business or discussion offered from the floor. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4 pm.

A copy of the 2003 Adopted Resolutions, including the draft letter from NSGWD to the legislature, are attached to these minutes.


Lynn Tominaga, WD130 Secretary


Date